

# SPORTS

## HOW THEY STAND.

National League.		
W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	32	31 .626
Chicago	49	31 .615
New York	49	32 .605
St. Louis	47	34 .589
Pittsburgh	43	37 .558
Cincinnati	33	46 .415
Brooklyn	30	50 .375
Boston	29	62 .244

## American League.

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W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	59	24 .711
Philadelphia	53	29 .646
Chicago	42	39 .519
Cleveland	44	43 .506
Boston	42	42 .506
New York	41	41 .506
Washington	29	55 .345
St. Louis	22	60 .263

## Western League.

W.	L.	Pct.
Denver	54	31 .625
Lincoln	48	35 .578
St. Joseph	38	37 .565
Pueblo	37	34 .560
Saint Paul	43	41 .512
Omaha	41	42 .488
Topeka	31	50 .405
Des Moines	23	65 .241

## WHERE THEY PLAY TOMORROW

### National League.

Pittsburg at Boston.  
Cincinnati at Brooklyn.  
Chicago at Philadelphia.  
St. Louis at New York.

### American League.

Washington at St. Louis.  
Philadelphia at Chicago.  
New York at Detroit.  
Boston at Cleveland.

## FOOTBALL RULES ARE CHANGED

## OLDTIMERS SWIFT ON BASES

## GRAYS WILL PLAY HOME SUNDAY

## BATTERS' STYLE IS HARD TO CHANGE

The Way a Man Gets Up to Bat Does Count Much in When It Comes to Swatting Sphere Says Jennings.

Santa Fe Club Is Marked Victim for Locals on Traction Park Diamond; Amarillo Here 29 and 30.

Albuquerque and Santa Fe will play a game of that good old baseball on Traction park diamond Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. The only thing that will prevent the appearance of the two clubs as advertised is a downpour of rain. The Grays have played away from home a couple of Sundays and it rained on two Sundays and there hasn't been a game of ball at the park for a month. The fans are rather hungry for an exhibition of real fast baseball and will probably turn out in droves on Sunday afternoon. The grounds at Traction park are being put in first class condition under the direction of Manager Dan Padilla of the Grays.

### Amarillo Here Next.

Amarillo, Texas, a team which has a splendid record for victories this season, will play two games in Albuquerque next week, Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30. Amarillo is quite a distance from Albuquerque and the Texans are coming here with the specific intention of whipping the Grays.

### Raton and Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas Maroons, which aggregation was recently defeated one out of two by the Albuquerque Grays and worsted one game lost Sunday by the Santa Fe club, will play Raton on Saturday and Sunday, the contests to be staged in the Gate City. Smith will pitch Saturday and Barr Sunday, for the Vegas bunch. Louis Azco, who is sometimes used as a utility man by the Albuquerque club, will go to Las Vegas and play with them against Raton.

Jennings says that there were only a few of his players whose tows in was really bad. Cobb, Crawford, Dehaven, Morris, McNamee and Stan will all bat in a manner pleasing to Jennings, Nash he said, had about as corner a position at the bat as could be desired.

I don't believe it's good to tamper with a player's batting position or swing. If he is hitting the ball squarely it's great dominos. The players usually develop themselves as batters. They know how they can hit best. Of course some players need correcting. This fellow Case and O'Leary, both weak batters, could improve their forms.

Form really counts for little according to my way of thinking. Take Claude Rossman, for instance. When he joined us several years ago, he had the most awkward, ungainly position at the bat I ever saw. But on our training trip he began hitting the ball hard and often and I didn't interfere. He still bats the same way. He may not be an imposing creature at the bat, but as long as he hits it all right, it's good.

Of course if a player is in a slump or is really a weak batter, I believe in trying new styles and systems. Maybe he takes his step forward a moment too quick, or maybe too late. Then he may be holding his bat at the wrong angle when it meets the ball. Maybe if he tries a few changes he will hit on the proper combination and begin to meet the ball squarely. It doesn't necessarily mean that he gets the ball safe, as long as he begins to push it out with force. The hits are almost bound to come later, once he accomplishes that.

Then another thing that people talk a good deal about is the preliminary position of the batter at the plate. Take George Stone. He has a crutch. It probably doesn't benefit him a bit. But then it may not hurt. But just notice Stone lose the crutch when he swings at the ball. It's a nice batter. He leans forward and meets the ball squarely and is really straightened up when he swings at the ball, so that preliminary stool doesn't count for a thing.

You have probably noticed and wondered why many batters who take a great swing at the ball don't get as many hits as batters who appear to make less effort. I prefer the player who hits the ball on a line.

The fellows who swing hard usually gets his extra hits because he lifts his ball over the outfielder's heads. The fellow with the short swing, sends the ball out on a line. It travels faster and farther usually than the ball hit following a vicious swing.

## OF INTEREST TO THE FANS

### SHORTEST OUTFIELD IS PLAYED BY OAKES

"Rebel" Oakes is playing the shortest center field of any middle baseball team in major league baseball. Tom Leahy of Pittsburgh, on the other hand, plays the deepest center of any man in the business. Leahy lost the morning game on July 4 for his team by missing Jack Bliss's tap to short center. The winning run went over when the ball filtered through Tom Leahy's glove. Leahy made a gallant effort, coming in like a streak of lightning, and he got one hand on the leather, but it refused to stick and Oakes would have "eaten it up."

The Cardinal center fielder has some excellent reasons for playing in close. He says: "I've accepted more chances than any center fielder in the game this year. The fielding average will prove it. I expect to close the season with a record or having accepted over 100 more chances than any outfielder in the game. I get in by laying in close to the shortstop and second baseman. Of course, I don't play every batsman alike. I know the long hitters and I know the balls they are going to hit hard. A hard-hitting right-handed batsman figures to pull the ball to deep left, so I get a good grip on it, and a hard-hitting left-handed sticks with just as hard to the right if he meets it on the seam. Few batsmen smash a ball to the middle field. They either hit to right center or left center. My

team has arranged for the Pastime theater today and tomorrow a program of the strongest patriotic appeal and exceptional educational value. The feature film is called "Washington Belles." It shows the birthplace of the Father of His Country at Wakefield on the Potowmack, scenes at Valley Forge indicating the horrors of cold and starvation endured by the continental army, and the home of Betsy Ross, where Washington and his officers were presented with the first American flag.

Other feature pictures on the program are "The Little Soldier of '64," a patriotic subject, and "The Baseball Star From Bungay," a clever comedy picture.

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